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"YOUNG MEMBRANE VS. SANTA"

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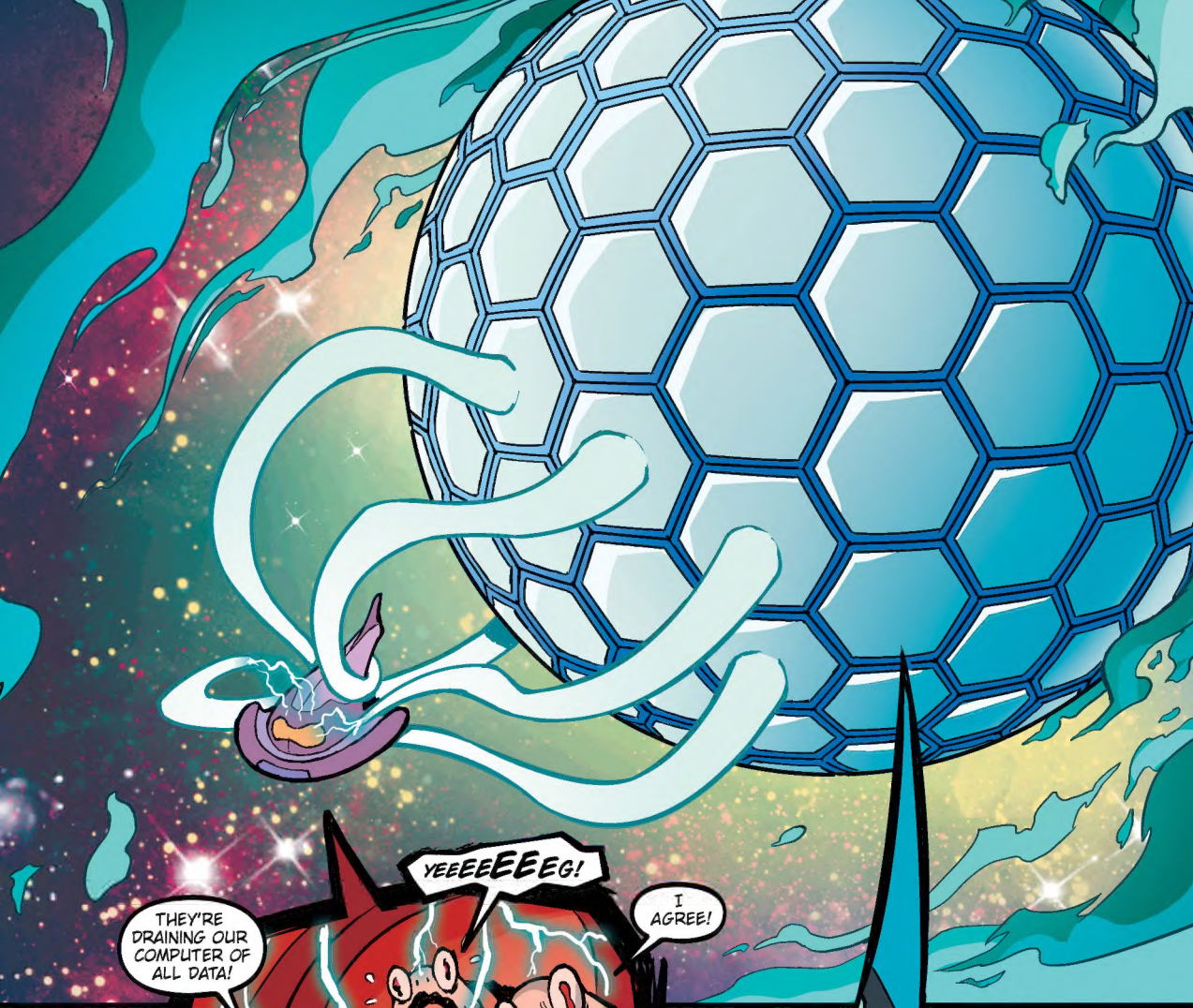
NOW,
DIB! THROW
IT INTO
SPACE.

I DID IT!
CHRISTMAS
IS SAVED!

DEEP SPACE.

1,000 YEARS LATER.

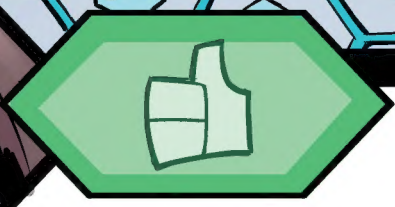
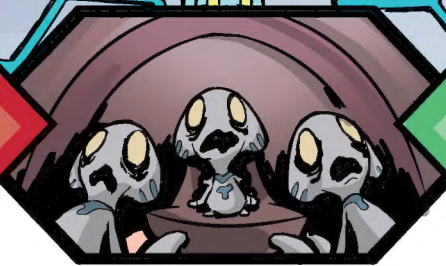
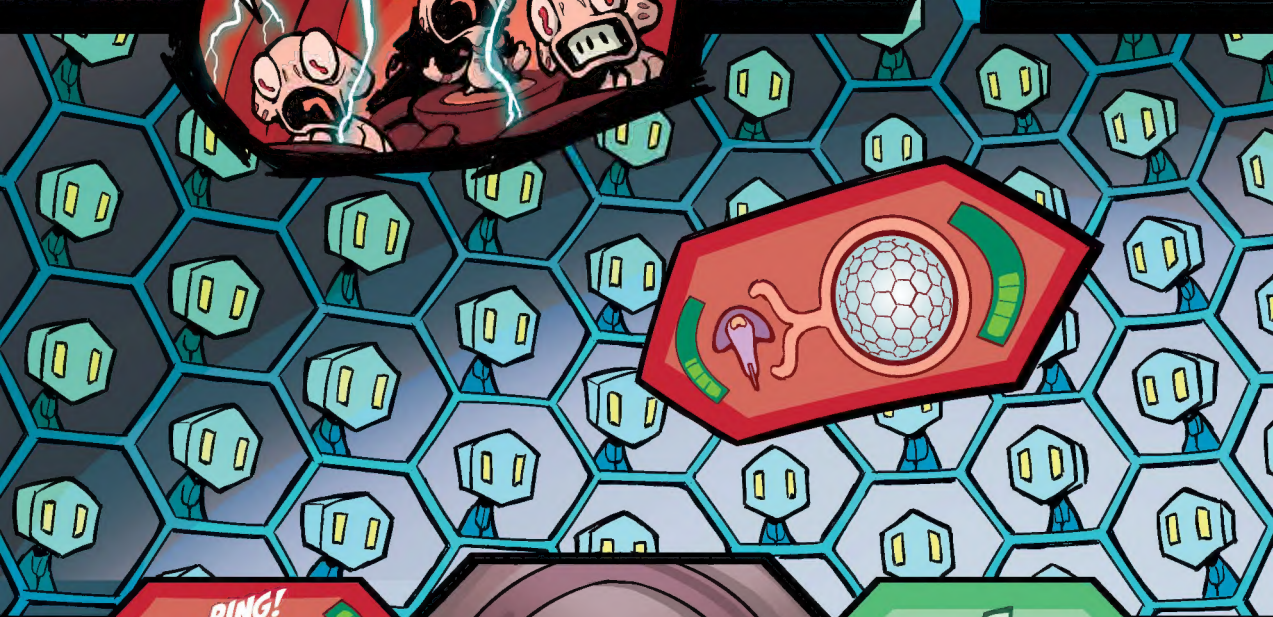


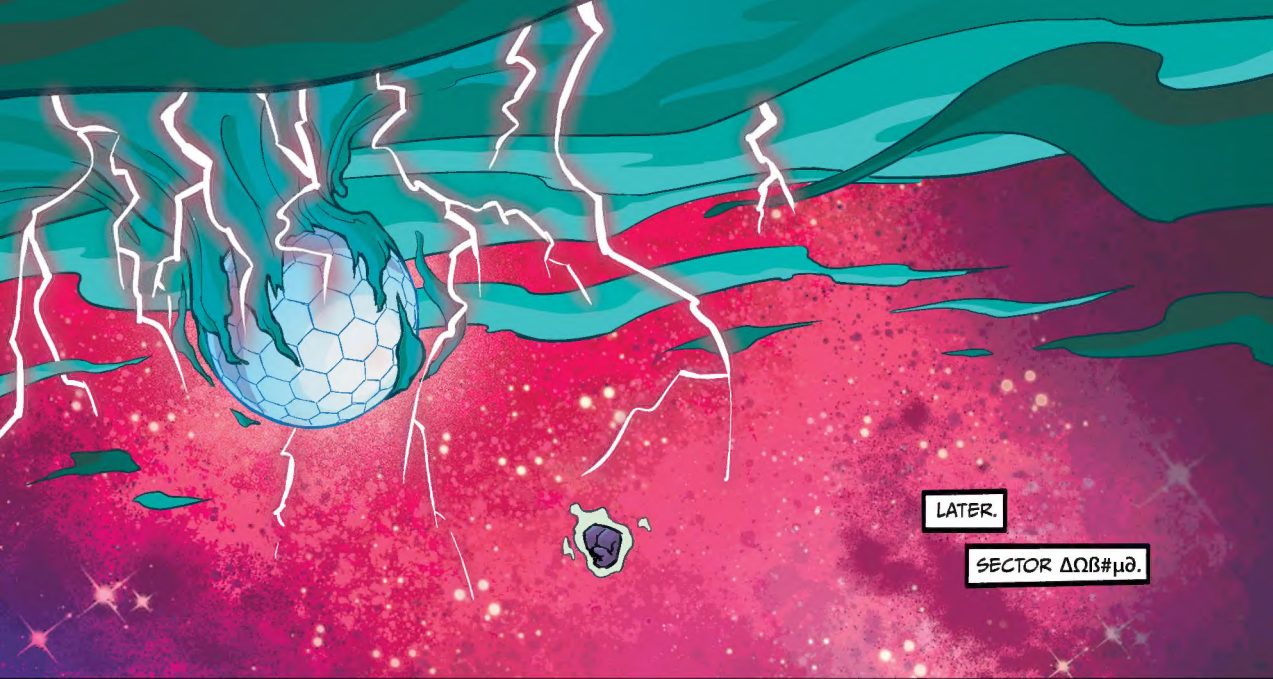


THEY'RE
DRAINING OUR
COMPUTER OF
ALL DATA!

YEEEEEEEG!

I
AGREE!









NORTH POLE



HO HO HO!

WELCOME TO
MY NORTH POLE!
WHAT ARE YOUR
NAMES, LITTLE
BOYS OR
GIRLS?

SANTA!

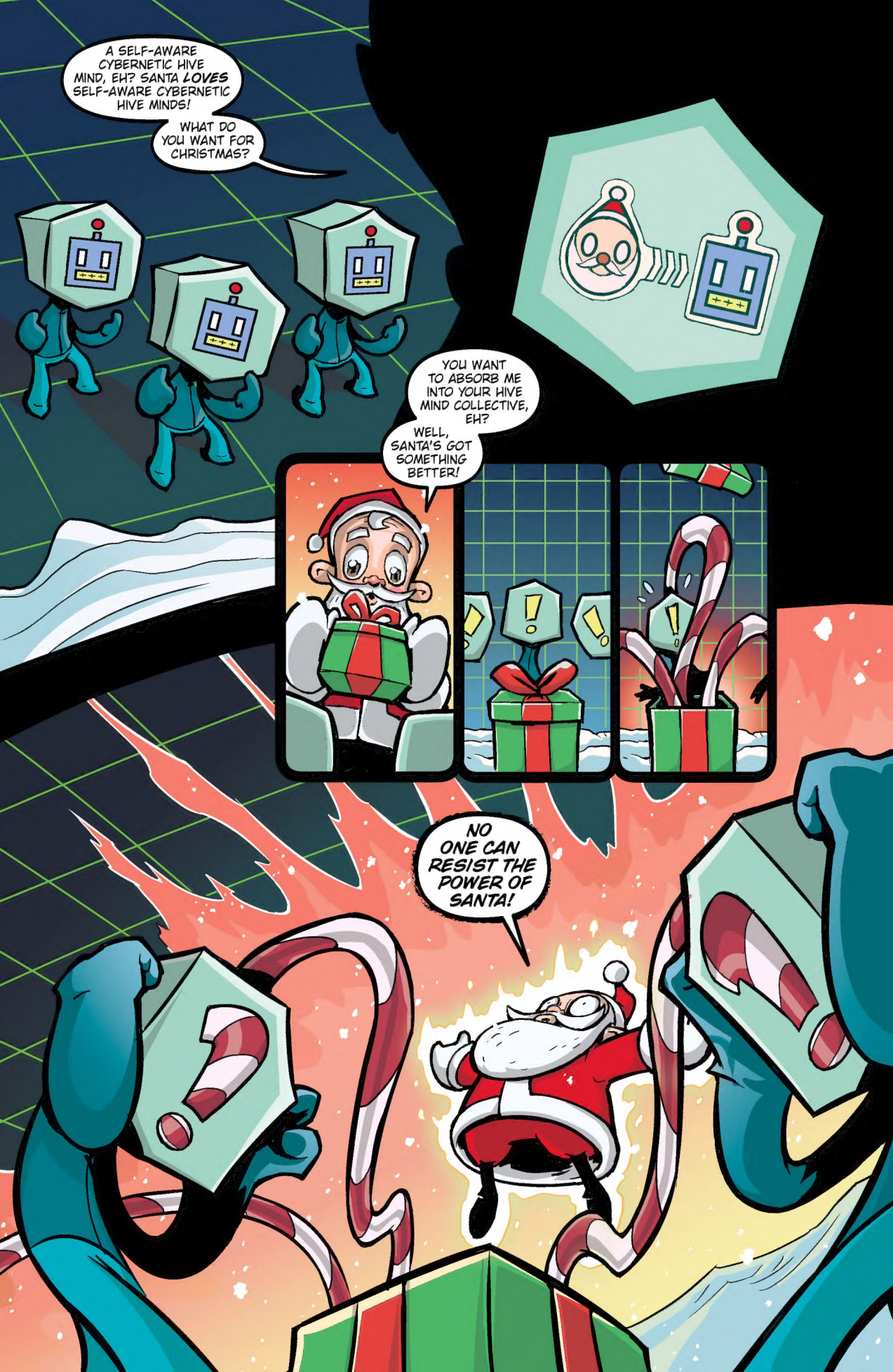
A SELF-AWARE
CYBERNETIC HIVE
MIND, EH? SANTA *LOVES*
SELF-AWARE CYBERNETIC
HIVE MINDS!

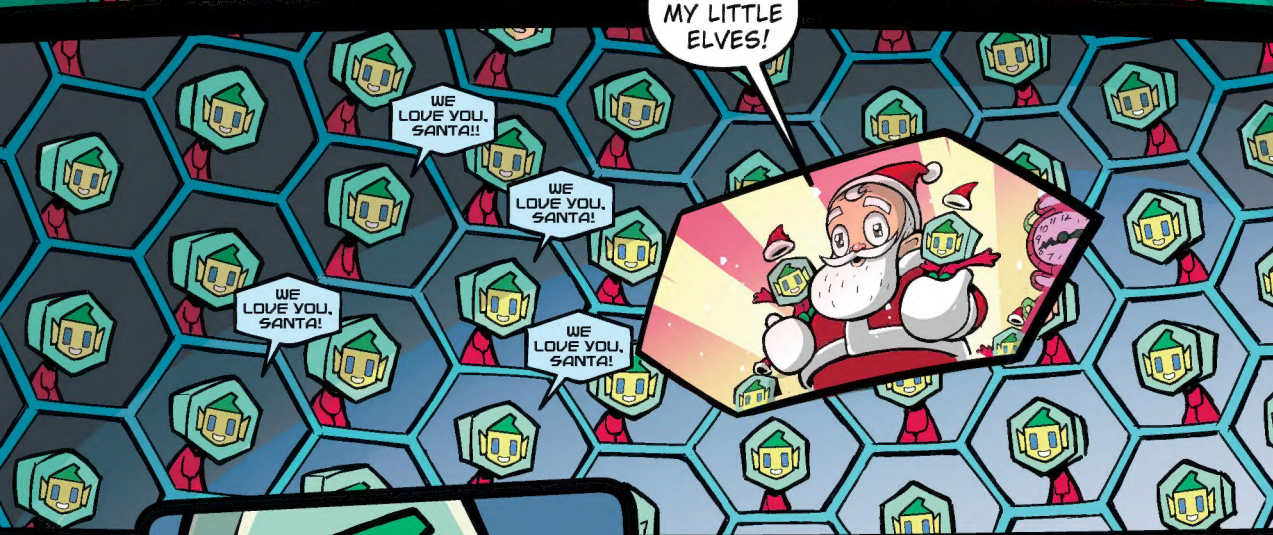
WHAT DO
YOU WANT FOR
CHRISTMAS?

YOU WANT
TO ABSORB ME
INTO YOUR HIVE
MIND COLLECTIVE,
EH?

WELL,
SANTA'S GOT
SOMETHING
BETTER!

NO
ONE CAN
RESIST THE
POWER OF
SANTA!





END.

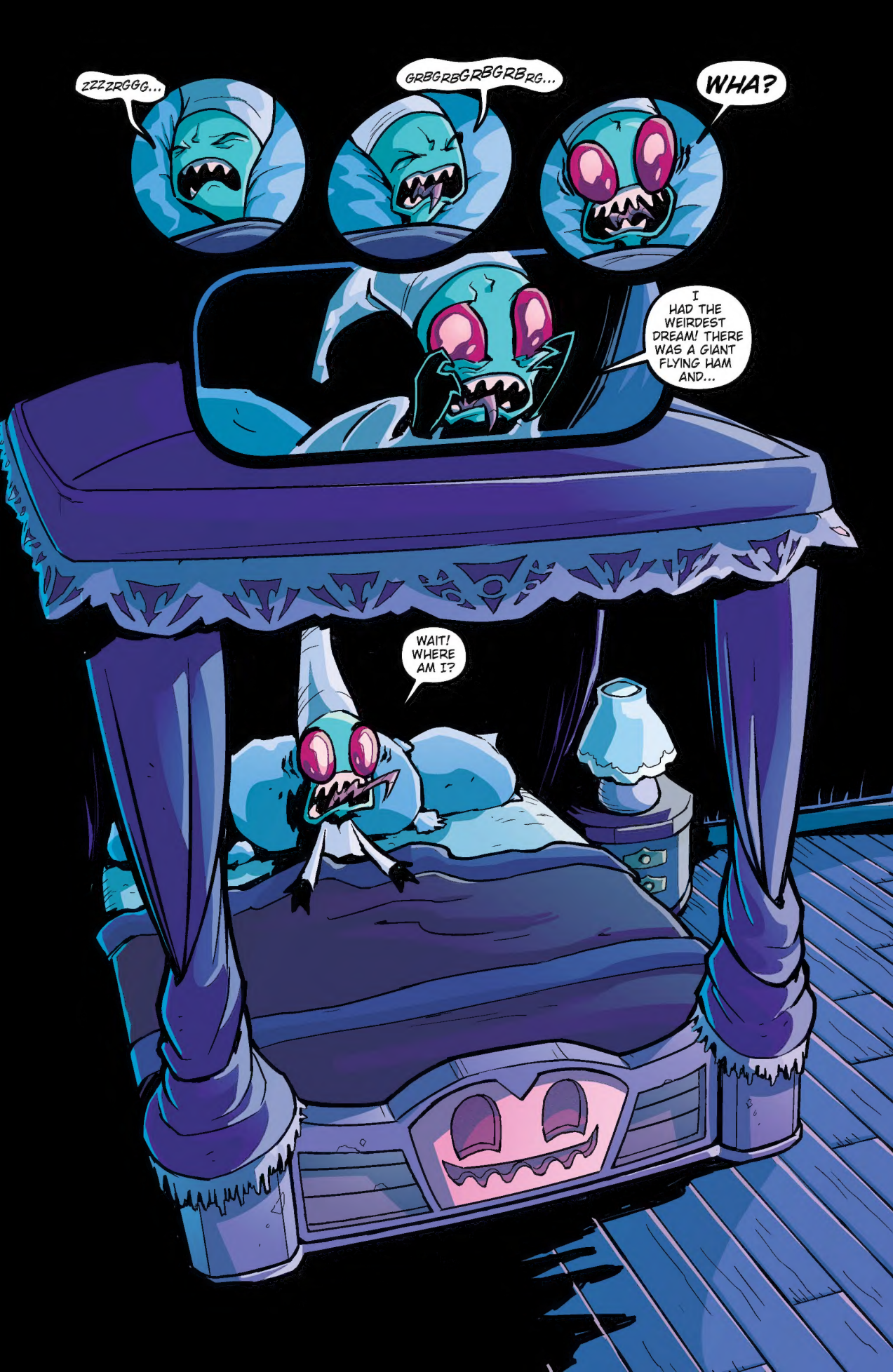
ZZZZRGGG...

GRBGRBGRBGRBGR...

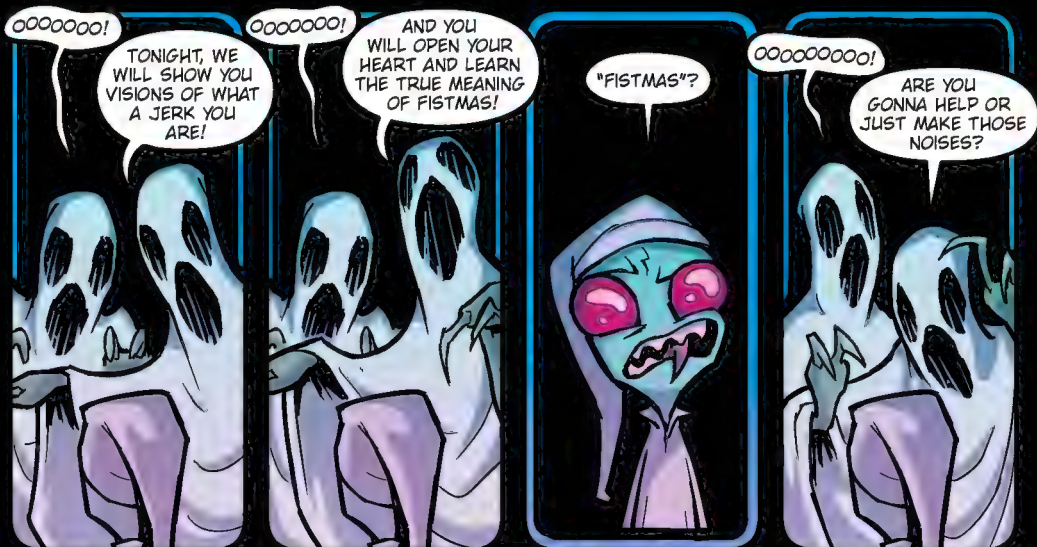
WHA?

I
HAD THE
WEIRDEST
DREAM! THERE
WAS A GIANT
FLYING HAM
AND...

WAIT!
WHERE
AM I?









SEE! THERE'S THE
TRADITIONAL FISTMAS
HAM-TREE!

AND BOBO
CLAUS THE
BEAR GIVES OUT
FISTMAS WADS
TO ALL GOOD
CHILDREN!

FISTMAS!

WE'RE
GONNA USE
FISTMAS TO
TAKE OVER
THE EARTH!
SOMEHOW.

DON'T
TELL HIM OUR
SECRET PLAN!

YOU
MORONS!







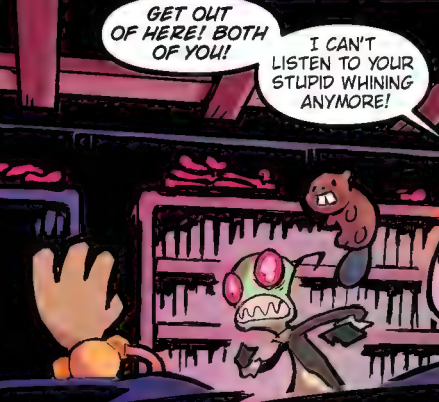


GREAT ZOG,
I DO NOT TALK
LIKE THAT!



YOU WILL
ALWAYS LOVE
YOUR WORK MORE
THAN FISTMAS! I'M
LEAVING FOREVER!

GO,
THEN! THOUGH
IT WILL MAKE
ME SECRETLY
SAD!



GET OUT
OF HERE! BOTH
OF YOU!

I CAN'T
LISTEN TO YOUR
STUPID WHINING
ANYMORE!



ERRRR...



NOT ONLY
WOULD I NEVER
SAY ANYTHING LIKE
THAT, I WOULD NEVER
WEAR A BEAVER
FOR A WIG!

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO LEARN
SOMETHING.

I LEARNED
YOU'RE AS DUMB
AS A SLOGG WITH
ITS HEAD UP ITS
BUNGO!

HOW COULD
YOU EVEN THINK
THAT...THING COULD
EVER PASS FOR
THE REAL ZIM?







SHOULD WE SAY A PRAYER FOR ZIMBENEEZER SCROGE?

YES. LET US COME TOGETHER UNDER THE GIANT SPACE PIE OF FISTMAS TO TAKE PITY ON MY WRETCHED MASTER.

PEAS

THOUGH HE HAS A HEART OF PURE BLACKNESS...

YES, I DO.

AND A GAZE THAT COULD BURN DOWN A WHOLE FOREST.

YES!

AND IS ROTTEN TO THE CORE THAT IS ALSO ROTTEN AND THEN UNDERNEATH THE ROTTEN CORE IS MORE ROTTEN.

YES! FEAR ZIM!

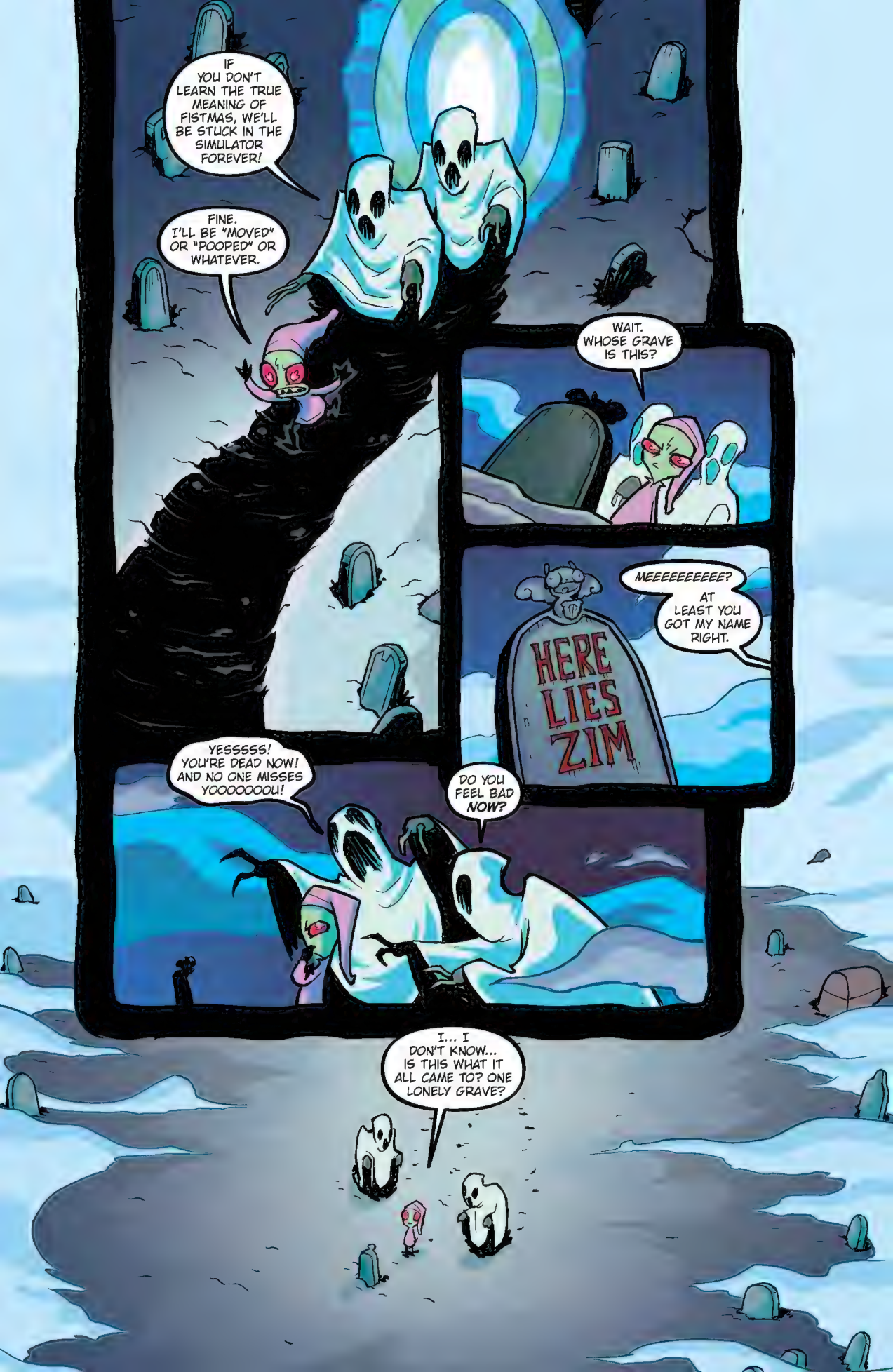
ON FISTMAS, WE FEEL BAD FOR HIM.

BAD??

NO! I AM AWESOME! MY EVIL EXPLODES LIKE A BOMB OF ALGOLIAN PAIN-WASPS!

WE GOT ONE MORE TRY!

PROGRAM ERROR!



IF
YOU DON'T
LEARN THE TRUE
MEANING OF
FISTMAS, WE'LL
BE STUCK IN THE
SIMULATOR
FOREVER!

FINE.
I'LL BE "MOVED"
OR "POOPED" OR
WHATEVER.

WAIT.
WHOSE GRAVE
IS THIS?

MEEEEEEEEEEE?

AT
LEAST YOU
GOT MY NAME
RIGHT.

YESSSSSS!
YOU'RE DEAD NOW!
AND NO ONE MISSES
YOOOOOOOUU!

DO YOU
FEEL BAD
NOW?

I... I
DON'T KNOW...
IS THIS WHAT IT
ALL CAME TO? ONE
LONELY GRAVE?

BUT OUR
FISTMAS SPIRIT
WILL ALWAYS BE
WITH YOU.

HUH?
WHO ARE YOU
PEOPLE??

EEK!
WE
JUST WANTED
TO SHOW OUR
PITY.

PITYYYYYY?!

I AM
ZIM!

AT MY
FUNERAL, THERE
WILL BE NO
PITY!

MY
CONQUESTS SPAN
GALAXIES!

**WARNING!
SYSTEM
OVERLOAD!**

OK,
YOU CAN
CALM DOWN
NOW.

HERE
LIES
ZIM

MY
LEGEND IS
LEGEND!

MY
BOOTS ARE
INCREDIBLY
STYLISH!

AND
YOU PITY
ME?

ERROR
SUBJECT NOT
RESPONDING

YOU PITY
ME?

YOU PITY
MEEEEEE?

TASTE MY
FISTMAS!

ERROR

ERROR

SIMULATION BROKEN PROGRAM ENDS

CAN
I GO
NOW?

NO!
WE ARE
THOUSANDS OF
LIGHT YEARS
FROM YOUR
PLANET!

YOU'RE
HOVERING OUTSIDE
MY HOUSE WITH A
STUPID DISGUISE,
AREN'T YOU?

NO!

YEAH.

END.

A CHRISTMAS
MORNING.

MANY
YEARS AGO.

M

SON!
RISE AND
SHINE! IT'S
CHRISTMAS
MORNING!





YEARS LATER.
IN COLLEGE.

SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE

HEY, MEMBRANE!
YOU WANNA PLAY SEMI-
ULTIMATE FRISBEE?

BECAUSE WE
ALL KNOW "ULTIMATE
FRISBEE" IS A SCIENTIFIC
IDEAL THAT CAN ONLY BE
REACHED MATHEMATICALLY,
NEVER IN APPLICATION?

NO, THANKS.
I'M WORKING ON...
SOME THINGS.

WHAT'S THIS?
BATTLE SUIT TO
BE USED AGAINST A
NORTH POLE-DWELLING
SUPER-BEING WHO CAN
TRAVEL FASTER THAN
LIGHT AND PRODUCE
PRESENTS AT A
RATE UNKNOWN
BY—

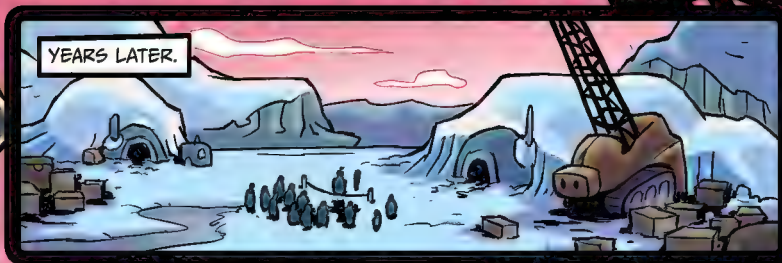
HEY!
MEMBRANE
BELIEVES IN SANTA!

OF COURSE
I DON'T! IT'S A
THEORETICAL EXERCISE
TO SHARPEN MY
SCIENCE SKILLS!

I MEAN,
WHO WOULD
BELIEVE IN A BEING
WHO GIVES **SOCKS**
TO LITTLE CHILDREN
WHO WANT
URANIUM?

SOCKS! THAT
KIND OF MONSTER
COULDN'T POSSIBLY
EXIST!

IT'S
UNSCIENTIFIC...



AND THUS, WE
COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION
ON THE MEMBRANE LABS
ARCTIC STORAGE
FACILITY!

GRAND OPENING

PROFESSOR!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN
ON KEEPING HERE THAT
YOU COULDN'T KEEP
COLD BACK AT YOUR
REGULAR LAB?

SCIENTIFIC
COLD THINGS!
DO
YOU HAVE
A PROBLEM
WITH THAT?!





YEARS LATER.
MEMBRANE LABS.



IS IT ABOUT
MY CHESS GAMES
WITH THE LAB MONKEYS?
BECAUSE THAT'S MY
QUALITY TIME!

IT'S
ABOUT OPERATION
SNOW CONE.

YOU CAN
SAY IT. MY
ANTI-SANTA
ARSENAL.



IT'S THE
BUDGET. THAT MECH'S
CORE HAS TO BE RESTOCKED
WITH CANDYCANIUM EVERY
SIX DAYS.

AND...
WELL... THE
SHAREHOLDERS ARE
TALKING. I KNOW THIS
IS A PET PROJECT, BUT
ARE YOU SURE
IT'S...

SCIENTIFIC?

OF
COURSE IT'S NOT
SCIENTIFIC!

I KNOW
THERE'S NO SUCH
THING AS SANTA
CLAUS!

BUT EVERY
PART OF MY AMAZING
INTELLECT SAYS THAT NO
CARING PARENTS WOULD
EVER GIVE A CHILD
SOCKS FOR CHRISTMAS!

SO IF MY
PARENTS DIDN'T
GIVE ME A BOX OF
SOCKS, WHO
DID?

SANTA IS THE ONLY
EXPLANATION!

<SIGH>
I UNDERSTAND,
PROFESSOR.

BUT IF
YOU EVER CHANGED
YOUR MIND, I INSTALLED
SELF-DESTRUCT
CHARGES IN THE
WHOLE FACILITY.

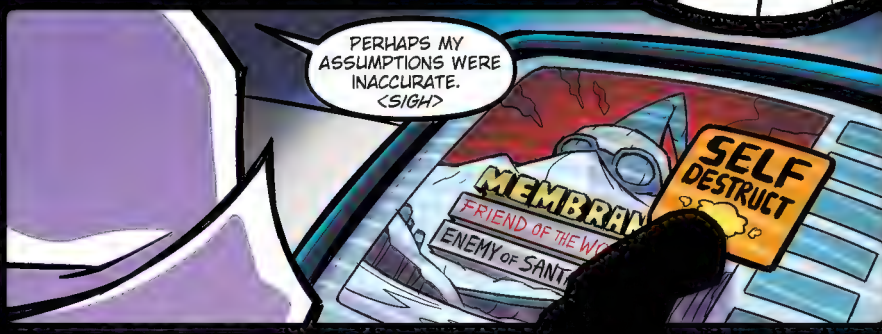
THANK
YOU, LUCIUS.

WAIT.
JUST HOW MANY
OF OUR BUILDINGS
HAVE YOU PLANTED
EXPLOSIVES
IN?

UM...

LOOK OVER
THERE! ANTI-MATTER
BEES!







END.



HEY, KIDS!
IT'S THE FUN
ZIM FUN-TIME
X-MAS-TIME
FUN PAGES!

SNIP-n-WEAR SANTA MASK

SANTA!

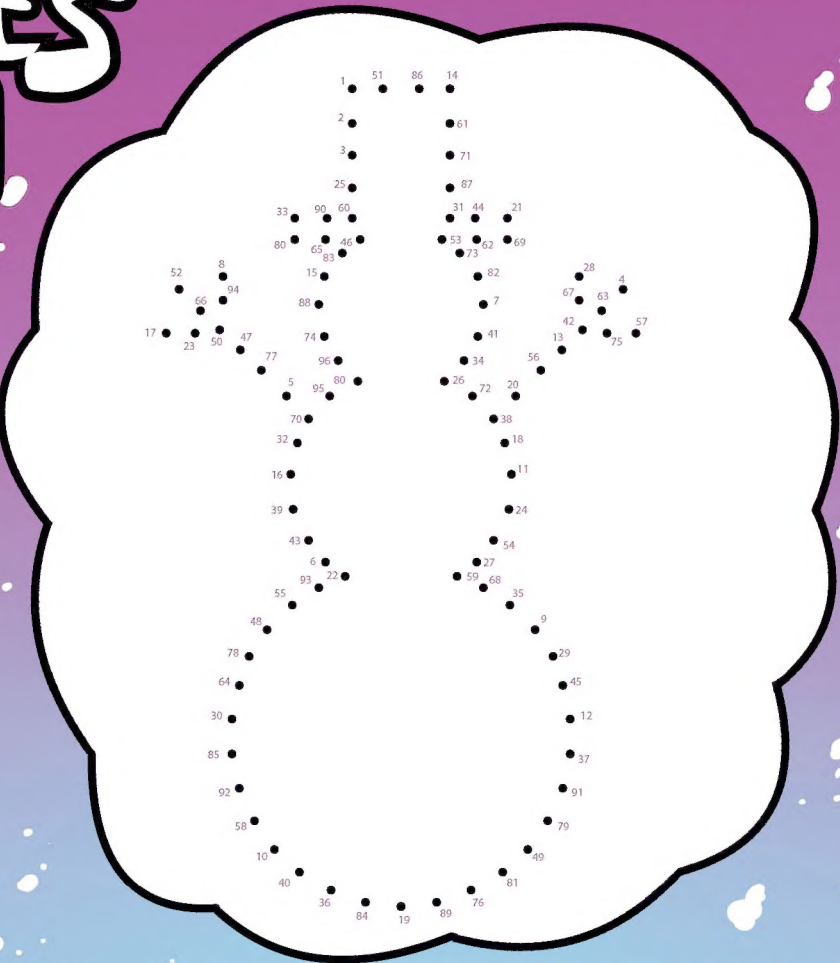
YOUR
FACE
HERE!

DIRECTIONS!

1. CUT OUT MASK FROM PAGE.
2. CUT OUT HOLE FOR YOUR FACE.
3. SHRINK DOWN TO HALF-SIZE
SO IT WILL FIT INTO THE HOLE
BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH
SPACE TO MAKE THE MASK BIG
ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY WEAR.
4. TAKE OVER THE WORLD!

PUZZLES of FUN

WHAT'S GIR
DREAMING ABOUT?
CONNECT THE DOTS
AND FIND OUT!



MINIMOOSE'S

SECRET HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH



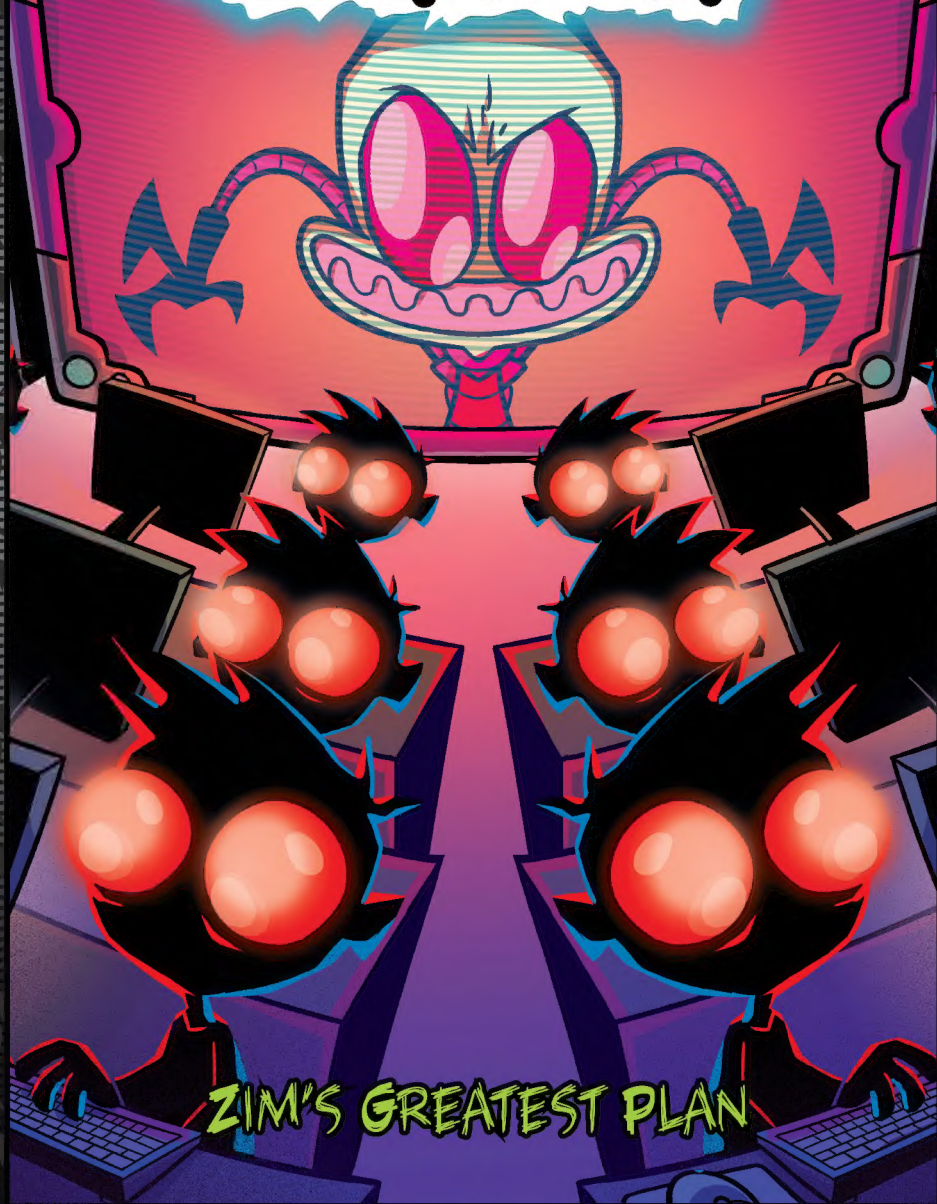
MINIMOOSE HAS
HIDDEN A HOLIDAY
MESSAGE IN THIS
WORD SEARCH! CAN
YOU FIND IT?

MYEH MYEH
MYEH MYEH
MYEH MYEH
MYEH MYEH
MYEH MYEH
MYEH MYEH
MYEH MYEH
MYEH MYEH
I AM THE DESTROYER

I	M	Y	E	H	M	Y	E	H	Y	H	H	E	Y	M
E	A	H	Y	H	E	E	H	Y	H	H	E	H	H	Y
M	H	M	Y	E	H	Y	Y	E	Y	H	H	H	E	
Y	M	Y	T	H	E	H	M	Y	E	H	M	Y	E	H
E	H	E	H	H	M	Y	E	H	H	Y	H	H	Y	
H	Y	E	Y	H	E	H	M	Y	E	H	E	M	Y	H
E	M	H	M	E	Y	D	Y	H	H	Y	H	Y	H	M
M	Y	E	H	Y	M	Y	E	H	Y	M	H	E	Y	H
H	E	H	E	M	E	H	H	S	H	Y	H	E	Y	
E	H	E	H	Y	H	H	M	E	T	E	H	Y	H	H
Y	M	H	E	Y	H	Y	H	H	R	M	H	E	H	
M	E	H	Y	E	H	M	E	Y	H	H	O	H	M	Y
E	Y	H	E	H	M	H	M	H	M	H	Y	Y	M	
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CREATOR SPOTLIGHT



BEN EISNER

is a game designer and developer. He has been on the design team for over twenty board games, working on such titles as *Gudetama*, *March of the Ants*, *Tidal Blades*, and *Aquicorn Cove*. He brings his love of storytelling and improv theater experience to the games he designs.

What is your all-time favorite game?

BE: If I had to name one, the *Dune* game that was released in the 1970s. It is very interactive and captures the world and the characters in a way that no other game does. It requires six players and takes several hours to play, so I don't get to play it as much as I want, but when I do, it is *chef's kiss*.

What game do you recommend to someone who is new to tabletop gaming?

BE: *Sushi Go* is my favorite game to introduce new players to modern tabletop gaming. It's always been a hit! *Catan* is a good next step for anyone who likes *Monopoly* and trading.

Any advice for aspiring game makers?

BE: For designers, don't try to put all of your ideas into your first game. If you have a great new idea that makes you want to redo everything, ask yourself if maybe it isn't a whole new game entirely!

What are you currently working on?

BE: We're just putting the final touches on *Aggreysuko: Work/Rage Balance*.

What is it like adapting a comic into a game?

BE: I like to think about the feel I get reading the book and let that guide the design of the game so the stories that emerge from gameplay echo the stories in the book. For instance, in *Autumn Harvest*, it was clear that players would want the experience of raising a Tea Dragon. A deck-building game with many unique cards that can be combined in different ways from game to game is a great way to capture this and evoke distinctive play experiences and stories.

What is your favorite Oni game?

BE: I love *Tea Dragon Society*. I think it's a great introduction to modern board games and deck-building games.



